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MEMBERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 pm

Members' Photo Night!

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Library (see directions below)

Our first members' photo night brought in gorgeous and fascinating photos of plants and landscapes, insect behavior, field trips, and restoration projects. Let's do it again this month with a slide show of YOUR photos. Everyone is invited to show photos of trips and adventures, gardens, landscapes, flora, fauna, plant art, you name it! Come to share your images or just to enjoy those that others bring, along with tasty refreshments (nonmembers are most welcome to present and/or enjoy). Pro and amateur photographers are all invited and appreciated.

Guidelines

- **IMPORTANT:** Contact Sue Rosenthal at sr0433@yahoo.com or 510-496-6016 by January 20 if you'll be bringing images or if you have questions about the format (see below).
- Bring up to 25 images you think will appeal to native plant and nature lovers, e.g., interesting plants, gardens, landscapes, hikes, trips, work parties, associated fauna, etc.
- Arrive by 7 pm on the night of the meeting so we can download your images and avoid delays during the show. (If you have uploaded your images to the Dropbox prior to January 27—see below—then you're welcome to arrive any time up to 7:30 pm.)
- Provide your images in one of the following ways:
 1. Upload your images prior to the meeting to an online Dropbox set up especially for this meeting. This will reduce the time needed for transferring photos on the night of the meeting. Dropbox can accommodate large file sizes.
When you contact Sue before January 20, you'll be sent a link to the Dropbox and instructions on how to upload your photos. If you haven't used Dropbox before, rest assured that it's very easy to upload images (and less stressful than trying to do it on the night of the meeting).
 2. Bring digital images on a flash drive, CD, or DVD in a format that will work with a PC laptop. We'll provide a digital projector and a PC laptop as

well as an old-fashioned slide projector if needed. Due to time constraints, we can't accommodate images that are brought on your own laptop.

3. Prints are also welcome: We'll have a table on which you can display them.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month's meeting takes place in the Garden Room of the Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way (in Orinda Village). The Garden Room is on the second floor of the building, accessible by stairs or an elevator. The Garden Room opens at 7 pm; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Email sr0433@yahoo.com or call 510-496-6016 if you have questions.

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way: From the west, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way. From the east, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria Way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way. Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the southeast side of the two-story building on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street.

From BART (4 blocks): Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Library.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 7:30 pm

Bryophytes and Their Biology: Mosses Are from Mars, Vascular Plants Are from Venus—Brent Mishler and Kiamara Ludwig

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Public Library

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7:30 pm

A Journey to the Ionian Basin and Back—Michael Uhler

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Public Library

MEMBERS MEETING (CONTINUED)



Kaweah Lakes fawn lily (*Erythronium pusaterii*) 2010.
Photo by John Game



Explorer's gentian (*Gentiana calycosa*) near Upper Dead-fall Lake Mount Eddy. Photo by John Game.



Turtle Mountains, Mojave Desert. Photo by John Game.

NATIVE HERE NURSERY

Happy New Year from Native Here Nursery!

We are celebrating the abundance of rain we experienced in December and are enjoying watching as our golden hills transform into emerald hills and the grasses awaken from their summer dormancy. May the rains nourish all the young plants that the members of our Native Here community have been transplanting into their gardens and restoration sites, as well as all the plants and animals that have been suffering from California's extended drought.

Our earliest annuals are now available for sale at the nursery, including beautiful clarkias (*Clarkia* spp.), Chinese houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*), and goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*). Plant them now for radiant blooms this spring! Also, with the arrival of the rains most of our spring blooming perennials including California buttercup (*Ranunculus californicus*), larkspur (*Delphinium californicum*), and yampah (*Perideridia californica*), have emerged from dormancy and are ready to be added to your native plant gardens.

Finally, I regret to announce that due to personal reasons I will be resigning from my position as nursery manager and returning to the Pacific Northwest to be with family. My time at Native Here has been rewarding, and it has been an honor to serve in this position. Thank you all for your kindness and for sharing your love of plants with me and with Native Here Nursery. I'd like to especially extend my gratitude to Charli

FAREWELL TO SELENA

The search for a new Nursery Manager begins

It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed our Native Here Nursery manager Selena Rowan into our chapter. Actually, it has been five months, and Selena has done much to

and John Danielsen, Barbara Leitner, and the rest of our team of volunteers for their incredible guidance and for all they do for the nursery. I am going to miss everyone in this beautiful community.

Valentine's Weekend Special Sale

Saturday and Sunday, February 13th and 14th, 2016: 10 am - 2 pm.

Early entry at 9 am on Saturday will be available for CNPS members.

Member sign-up will be available at the door.

Join us for our late winter sale at Native Here Nursery. Early February is one of the best times to get almost anything planted before the rains end. CNPS members will be allowed special early entry at 9 am on Saturday, which will be a great opportunity to get first pick of our new crop of manzanitas, milkweed, early annuals, iris, and more.

Local plant experts will be on hand to answer your questions about the best plants to choose for your garden. Whether you're a veteran native plant gardener or you are brand new to gardening, you'll be sure to find something beautiful at Native Here Nursery to brighten up your yard and invite the wild back into your life.

Selena Rowan, Manager at Native Here Nursery

inspire — she has brought a fine business sense to the nursery office, empowered the nursery volunteers to pursue the work they love best, and shared her own knowledge and passion about native plants and their properties.

Selena has told us that she wishes to move back to the Pacific Northwest, and will be ending her work at Native Here in the second half of January. She will be missed. We wish her the very best in the next chapter of her life.

We have posted the Nursery Manager position on our website, at the state CNPS office, and various other locations. We hope to fill the job soon with someone who loves native plants and wants to work with a fabulous, committed team at Native Here.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage him or her to apply.

Barbara Leitner and Charli Danielsen



JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, January 3, 2:00 pm, field trip to Huddart County Park to see fetid adder's tongue

Location: Huddart County Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside (San Mateo County) California. Meet in the parking lot just past the pay station. David Margolies will lead a hike on the Crystal Springs Trail where fetid adder's tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*, Liliaceae) usually blooms in early January. (In most locations outside botanical gardens, it blooms in late January or early February. We have seen it here every year except 2013.)

This is a gentle trail, losing about 200 feet over about 1/2 mile to the creek. We will walk to the creek and then return the same way. It is unlikely that there will be any other flowers out this early, but the fetid adder's tongue's presence tells us that the new flower season has started. (Other plants out of flower will also be identified.) The area is second growth redwood and mixed evergreen forest.

Saturday, January 30, 2016, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Curry Point, Mt. Diablo

We will walk 4 miles round trip, from Curry Point to Balancing Rock, via the Knobcone Point Road. 30 ft elevation gain, with 300 ft of ups and downs. If it rains, there will be a lot of grateful plants and animals, but no cancellation.

ART EXHIBIT: PASTELS OF NATIVE PLANTS

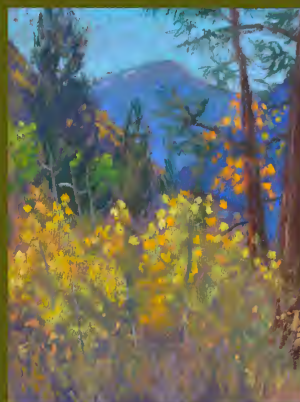
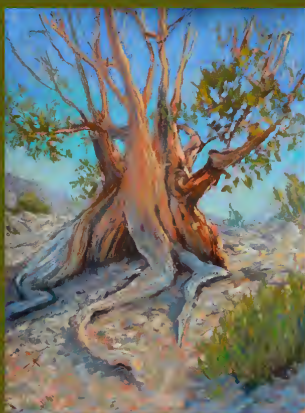
I will be showing my pastel landscape paintings at the San Francisco Botanical Garden, January through April 2016. The show is the culmination of a year spent following California's native flora through the season, from the coast to the White Mountains. Several examples are below.

We will go through woodland, non-native grasslands, chaparral areas, with chaparral pea, black sage, manzanitas, and silk-tassel trees. We should see Mount Diablo manzanita, and Contra Costa manzanita in flower, knobcone pines and maybe some Eastwood manzanita in flower.

Hosted by Gregg Weber.

Directions: Take 680 to the Diablo Road exit, and go east on Diablo Road. At Green Valley Road, only one lane goes straight ahead. After Green Valley Road, go past and do not turn at the Diablo Country Club sign. In about a mile, turn left at the Mt. Diablo State Park sign. Continue to the end of Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard, which becomes South Gate Road as it enters the park. Be prepared to pay the fee (now \$10?) at the main entrance station, or have your state parks pass ready. Continue for about a mile, and park at the large parking area at Curry Point, where we will meet. Remember to factor in about 20 minutes driving time from the base of the mountain to Curry point. Pet dogs, cats, pigs, tapirs, hedgehogs, and mongeese are not permitted in Mount Diablo State Park.

Erika Perloff, 831-234-7542



CHASING COLOR: PAINTING CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE FLORA
THROUGH THE SEASONS



JOB POSTING: NURSERY MANAGER

December 12, 2015

Nursery Manager

Native Here Nursery, East Bay Chapter, California Native Plant Society
101 Golf Course Drive, Berkeley, CA 94708

Background: Native Here Nursery (NHN) is a project of the East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (EBCNPS). EBCNPS is a chapter of CNPS, a non-profit 501(c3) organization. Founded in 1994, NHN is dedicated to growing plants propagated from materials collected in Alameda and Contra Costa counties for restoration and gardening projects. NHN is a premier nursery in the area devoted to local native flora. Conservation and restoration are at the heart of Native Here's mission. NHN also contributes to the broader community education mission of EBCNPS through a variety of programs.

Chief Responsibilities of the Nursery Manager

- Oversees all nursery operations, any additional staff and all volunteers.
- Represents NHN in both internal and external communications.
- NHN depends on experienced and talented volunteers to carry out its mission. The manager recruits, trains and supervises volunteers in order to carry out as many of the following duties as practical and appropriate.

Principal Duties & Responsibilities of the Nursery Manager with the Assistance of Volunteers:

- Provide excellent customer service in line with EBCNPS mission
- Produce plants for retail customers and restoration efforts
- Maintain healthy plants and nursery infrastructure
- Plan and organize annual plant sales and events
- Secure all permits and agreements for operating the nursery and collecting activities
- Oversee nursery's finances, including bill payment, preparation of financial statements, and handling income.
- Maintain nursery's outreach, including Facebook, Meet-up, and other publicity
- Nurture relationships with the East Bay Regional Park District, State Parks, and others
- Communicate with chapter board and membership through both oral and written channels
- Contribute to broader goals of EBCNPS through outreach, communication, special events and development of new programs.

Skills/Qualifications Required:

- Passionate about local native plants
- Self-motivated and able to work independently to complete tasks and meet deadlines
- Enjoy working with people and plants
- Skilled in interpersonal relationships and listening skills
- Good with written communication
- Computer skills for word processing, database, and spreadsheets
 - Physically able to work outdoors in all seasons, with uneven terrain. Able to lift and move plants and nursery tools

Desirable:

- Experienced in managing and coordinating volunteers
- Degree in a related field of study or two years' work experience in the field
- Experienced in seeking contracts for restoration activities

Compensation and Benefits:

This is an hourly staff position, averaging 20 hours per week. The rate of pay is \$16-\$20 per hour, based on qualifications and experience. Workers' Compensation Insurance and a benefits package including health care are provided. Start date is as early as February 1, 2016, depending on candidate availability.

Reports to:

President, EBCNPS

To Apply:

Send by e-mail attachment in pdf format the following three items:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Contact information for three professional references.

Send to spduckle@uci.edu.

Review of applications begins immediately and continues until filled.

The California Native Plant Society is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

POINT ISABEL RESTORATION: DECEMBER 2015

December 19, 2015 at Pt. Isabel

As Old Saint Nick may once have said “Ho, ho, ho, I’ve never seen so many weeds!” Yes, we returned (energized) from the Paris climate talks, to find that the rain, sun, and soil had unlocked the life force of the mallow, hairy crab grass, radish, oxalis, and numerous recognized but unnamed visitors from faraway lands (maybe they came attached to the reindeer hooves?). As usual, the Pt. Isabel restoration stewards and volunteers donned their gloves, picked up their soil knives and set to work removing the weeds from in and around the

carpets of California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) and tansy phacelia (*Phacelia tanacetifolia*) seedlings.

Eagle Scout candidate Jason and his crew started work on his project of moving mulch provided by the City of Richmond onto his site in preparation for planting in January 2016. Jason’s father, who had just returned from Beijing, joined in while commenting on the wonderful air quality at Pt. Isabel. Core volunteer Rob removed every piece of trash in his dedicated effort to keep the Hoffman marsh clean for its abundant wildlife. John continued his persistent removal of oxalis and other weeds from the main site, and Nina removed radish seedlings and other weeds from her newly cleared area. The dormant narrowleaf milkweeds (*Asclepias fascicularis*) are re-appearing in greater numbers.

We didn’t find time to pull any weeds while we were in Paris but we were inspired by the green walls of the Musée du Quai Branly around the corner from the Eiffel Tower. Wouldn’t it be great to see that kind of interesting and artistic building design here?

Next official work parties at Pt. Isabel will take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in January. Please come out and join us!

Jane and Tom Kelly



Musée du Quai Branly. Photo by Jane Kelly.



Point Isabel volunteers rest on the mulch. Photo by Jane Kelly.

JANUARY RESTORATION

Saturday, January 2 and Saturday, January 16, 10 am - 2 pm, Pt Isabel in Eastshore State Park, at the end of Rydin Road, off Central Avenue in Richmond.

Saturday, January 9 at 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Park

Meet park staff and the regular volunteers at the parking lot/loop trailhead to the right of Skyline in Oakland. We will decide on a worksite with the day's weather and soil conditions in mind. If you need to arrive later or have other requests, it's probably best to e-mail either sibley@ebparks.org or janetgawthrop47@gmail.com so that we can let you know where to find us in the field. You do not have to reserve a spot, but you can do so by RSVP at [Meetup.com/ebcnps/](https://www.meetup.com/ebcnps/)

Sunday, January 17, 9:00 am, Sibley Regional Park

You can do your MLK service weekend out of doors on Sunday, where we hope to further shrink the notorious wall of broom. We will meet park staff at the Oakland-side parking lot off of Skyline, pick up water and snacks and then head to the wall and the on-site toolbox. However, folks to the east and north are welcome to join us from the Old Tunnel Road staging area--just be sure to e-mail either sibley@ebparks.org or janetgawthrop47@gmail.com.

Redwood Regional Park continues to host volunteer crews to remove French broom (*Genista monspessulana*) on January 9 and 10. This year advance registration is required; to register, call (888) 327-2757, option 3, Ext. 4553.

Jane Gawthrop

Restoration events sponsored by other organizations

Saturday, January 9, 9:30 am-noon, Creek Restoration workday, Wilkie Creek site, De Anza Drive and Appian Way, El Sobrante

Help take care of one of our native plant restoration sites. With all the rain we'll likely do some planting. People with

all levels of experience are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes, and bring a water bottle. SPAWNERS will provide tools, gloves, and snacks. Heavy rain cancels. For more information please visit www.spawners.org or contact Helen at helen@thewatershedproject.org or 510-665-3538.

Helen Dickson

Program Coordinator, SPAWNERS

Living Shorelines Program Manager, The Watershed Project
helen@thewatershedproject.org

Saturday, January 16, 10 am - 12:30 pm, join Friends of Five Creeks planting basket sedge, (*Carex barbarae*), along Cerrito Creek in the wonderful open space and wildlife habitat that stretches from up Albany Hill. Learn about the fascinating Native American history and uses of this and other native plants found here. We'll also remove invasives and trash. No RSVP needed, and all ages welcome -- there's even a play structure for very young children.

We supply snacks, tools, gloves, and good company. Wear closed-toed shoes with good traction and clothes that can get dirty! Dress in layers; long pants and long sleeves recommended. We'll work in a drizzle, but heavy rain postpones to January 18.

Meet at Creekside Park, south end of Santa Clara Ave., El Cerrito (short walk from AC Transit 72 or 25 or El Cerrito Plaza BART). Info: f5creeks@gmail.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

Susan Schwartz, President

Friends of Five Creeks

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PLANT SALE AT DON EDWARDS NWR

Saturday, February 6, 2016, 10 am to 2 pm, Native Plant Nursery sale at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Visitor Center, 2 Marshlands Road, Fremont

June Smith, Native Plant Nursery manager
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
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The rainy season is the best time to plant California native plants. Stop by and see how native plants can enhance your garden.

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Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

I wish to affiliate with:

___ East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

___ Other _____

Mail application and check to: California Native Plant Society, 2707 K Street, Suite 1,
Sacramento CA 95816

Membership category:

___ Individual, \$45

___ Family, Library, Group or International, \$75

___ Plant lover, \$100

___ Patron, \$300

___ Benefactor, \$600

___ Mariposa Lily, \$1500

___ Limited Income or student, \$25.00

___ Other _____